

Request for Remote Public Input for House Select Committee on COVID-19 Public Comments Report - LINC

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04/04/2020 04:40 PM	Education Working Group	1983 Chelcea Jackson	Don't leave it up to the buisness owners to "hopefully they'll give it to their workers.." Uh no! Trump is not capable to handle real life. I have docs and medication, most important, my epilepsy meds, which keep me from having a seizure. We are all struggling.
04/04/2020 07:26 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Suzanne Haff	I'm 76 and well. I enjoy voting in person, but I would like to have the option of voting by mail - never know what November will bring and this year I believe my vote is especially important. I feel afraid, not just for the virus but because I think our democracy is being destroyed by the current crooks and we need a change.
04/04/2020 07:47 PM	Education Working Group	TA/BD/Custodian Ed SMITH	Our district is requiring custodians to work moving furniture and waxing floors. No PPE is being provided as leadership has instructed personnel to practice social distancing. This is impossible when 3 people are breathing hard trying to move heavy furniture. It really is imperative since school nutrition workers have become infected and forced food preparation sites to shut down and entire staffs be quarantined.
04/04/2020 09:38 PM	Education Working Group	Vicki Boyer	In light of the coronavirus it will be imperative that our school districts be given flexibility in the school year schedule. This virus will come back in the fall. NC schools NEED the option of hold summer-time classes. I understand the financial importance of the summer tourist industry on our coast--I'm a native of Wilmington and grew up on Wrightsville Beach. But beach house rentals are not limited to families who live in NC. This is a case where, as difficult as it is, the education of the children has to come first. Give each NC school system the authority to set their own class schedule over the next 2 years. Give them flexibility to deal with what could be school closures in their part of the state on an as needed basis. Thank you.
04/04/2020 10:25 PM	Education Working Group	Expand ABM voting Chris Telesca	<p>The NCGA must get off its ass now and start looking at how people are going to vote from now on.</p> <p>Everyone registered to vote must have the ability to vote by mail without having to endanger their life or health by seeking out many different people to witness their signatures.</p> <p>There must also be better voter education to teach people from all walks of life how to get a ballot, how to mark it and mail it safely. And how to avoid the types of ABM fraud that occurred in Bladen County in 2018, as well as vote buying (where an employer or landlord gets a voter to mark their ballot a certain way to not lose their job or place to live).</p> <p>Already states trying to hold primary elections are having problems getting enough staff to show up. Why should older people (most of our poll workers are older people) risk their lives to work the polls without adequate PPE? Did that matter, why should voters risk their life waiting in long lines to vote? And if the lines were long before, they'll be much longer in November, with poll workers having to swab down each and every place a new voter touches - from the desk where they state their names, to the desk where they are issued a ballot, to the polling booth and scanner. All of those places will need to be swabbed down and allowed to dry before a voter can put down or insert a ballot.</p> <p>And imagine all those counties - like Mecklenburg that just spent \$15 million on new</p>

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			<p>touchscreen Ballot Marking Devices. They'll have to swab down each and every touchscreen and button on each machines - shortening the lifespan of these machines and causing even more screen calibration issues (the disinfectant will dissolve the cement holding the touchscreen layer to the video screen). And touchscreens are germey even in the best of times - and much more so in the worst of times.</p> <p>So I urge the NCGA to go into emergency session to move our state over to 100% ABM/VBM and stop the foolishness thinking that there is massive voter fraud that requires even more silly laws that they've passed over the years that the courts have shot down.</p> <p>You govern by the consent of the governed. Right now it's too deadly to vote in person, so please get a move on!</p>
04/05/2020 12:35 PM	Education Working Group	Mr Lanis Wilson	<p>Please pass and fully fund comprehensive vote-by-mail during this emergency, at least while it is unsafe for people to congregate at polling places.</p> <p>Prepaid postage for mailed ballot requests and returns. Allow voters to request mail-in ballots by email, fax, online form, or over the phone and honor requests submitted by the one-week deadline. Allow near relatives and legal guardians to request mail-in ballots at polling locations during One-Stop Early Voting and on Election Day. Allow persons other than near relatives and legal guardians to assist voters with requesting, completing, and returning ballots. Allow voters to register by mail up to the mail-in ballot request deadline, allow voters to "one-stop" register to vote and request a mail-in ballot, and restore same-day registration. Allow voters to certify their ballot by providing the signature of one witness or confirming their intent to submit the ballot in-person or over the phone. Allow voters and those assisting voters to return mail-in ballots at One-Stop Early Voting sites and Election Day polling places (including curbside). Count every mail-in ballot submitted by Election Day. Establish a one-step process for registering to vote and requesting a mail-in ballot. Establish a robust and uniform system for notifying voters when the Board determines their ballot request or application is invalid. Develop a tracking system that allows voters to track their ballot from the local Board and on its return from the voter to the local Board.</p>